

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated.

1. (original) A shock absorber comprising:

a first attachment point;

a contoured flat spring having a first end and a second end wherein said first end is

attached to said first attachment point;

a support member having a first end and a second end wherein said first end is attached to

said spring and said second end is attached to a second attachment point; and

a flexible first strap having a first end and a second end wherein said first end is

connected to said spring first end and said second end is connected to said spring

second end.

2. (original) The shock absorber of Claim 1 further comprising a flexible second strap having a

first end and a second end wherein said first end is connected to said first attachment point and

said second end is connected to said support member second end.

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)